

**DEBT SERVICE****7701: DEBT & INTEREST**

	FY 03 Actual	FY 04 Budget	FY 04 Actual	FY 05 Budget	FY 06 Budget	Change FY 05 - 06	Percent Change
Principal	1,436,536	1,301,241	1,279,867	1,464,624	1,358,058	(106,566)	-7.3%
Interest	600,242	597,634	642,763	499,291	478,801	(20,490)	-4.1%
Deferred Payments	56,514	56,514	56,514	56,514	56,514	0	0.0%
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>2,093,292</b>	<b>1,955,389</b>	<b>1,979,143</b>	<b>2,020,429</b>	<b>1,893,373</b>	<b>(127,056)</b>	<b>-6.3%</b>
<b>SOURCES OF FUNDS</b>							
Taxation	2,093,292	1,955,389	1,979,143	2,020,429	1,847,041	(173,388)	-8.6%
CPAC Funds	0	0	0	0	46,332	46,332	--

**SIGNIFICANT BUDGET CHANGES:**

Payments for the High School addition and renovation project and for the High School roof are made in response to assessments by the Amherst-Pelham Regional Schools. The High School addition and renovation is funded by a Proposition 2 ½ debt exclusion, which means annual debt service payments are added to the tax levy only until the debts are fully paid. The district debt was refinanced in March 2005 resulting in a total savings of over \$800,000. The structure of the refinancing allowed for significant savings to be realized in FY 05, including \$222,943 to Amherst. Because the refinancing occurred after the FY 05 tax rate was set, the resulting FY 05 debt service savings can be applied to reduce the FY 06 total debt assessment. Thus, the FY 06 debt exclusion for this project is only \$230,656 instead of \$453,598. This does not generate savings to be applied to the operating budget, it simply reduces the FY 06 debt exclusion. Final payment will occur in 2018 for the High School project. The Middle School roof, also funded via a debt exclusion, was paid off in FY 05. The High School roof debt service is interest on temporary bonds. The district plans to pay interest only thru FY 08 when it is expected to issue permanent debt concurrent with anticipated reimbursements from the new Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA).

The Town refinanced Town Hall bonds, originally issued in 1996, in March 2005 and realized a net present value savings of \$101,904, or just over 6%. Savings will be spread over the remaining eleven years of debt service, including a savings of \$10,926 in FY 06. Included in the same bond issue was \$600,000 for Town Center Improvements/Sidewalks authorized by Town Meeting in 2004.

There are two bond issues related to the renovation of Crocker Farm School. One issue, for \$5,505,000, is temporary debt in anticipation of reimbursement from the state through the School Building Assistance Program. The second issue, for \$3 million in permanent debt, is the Town's estimated share of the cost of the project.

FY 06 debt service includes estimated principal and interest of \$70,200 for the Plum Brook Recreation Fields project, the first of 10 years' anticipated debt service on a \$500,000 bond issue previously authorized by Town Meeting for the project. Community Preservation Act funds have been committed to fund 2/3 of the debt service (\$46,332 in FY 06). Taxation funds the remaining 1/3 (\$23,868 in FY 06).

Appendix C provides more detail about Town debt.

**GENERAL FUND****OTHER GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES**

**MISSION:** To provided funding and/or services for purposes which have not been recognized as being a routine part of Town operations and, therefore, have not been incorporated in the operating budget.

**CONTINUING OBJECTIVES:**

To provide pass-through funding for programs.

**LONG RANGE OBJECTIVES:****FY 06 OBJECTIVES:**

To fund transportation subsidies for outreach routes via a direct appropriation rather than from the PVTA assessment.

**SERVICE LEVELS:**

	<b><u>FY 00</u></b> <b><u>Actual</u></b>	<b><u>FY 01</u></b> <b><u>Actual</u></b>	<b><u>FY 02</u></b> <b><u>Actual</u></b>	<b><u>FY 03</u></b> <b><u>Actual</u></b>	<b><u>FY 04</u></b> <b><u>Actual</u></b>
Housing Units Managed	2	2	2	2	2
Amherst Cable Television	1	1	1	1	1
Arts Groups Benefited	50	58	79	33	39
Reserve Fund Transfers	5	2	1	1	6

**GENERAL FUND****OTHER GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES**

		FY 03 Actual	FY 04 Budget	FY 04 Actual	FY 05 Budget	FY 06 Budget	Change FY 05 - 06	Percent Change
Congregate Housing	\$	19,712	5,000	5,308	5,000	0	(5,000)	-100.0%
Arts Lottery	\$	14,882	40,000	14,070	15,000	15,000	0	0.0%
Amherst Cable Television	\$	3,676	4,000	3,833	4,000		(4,000)	-100.0%
Reserve Fund	\$	85,000	200,000	150,724	100,000	100,000	0	0.0%
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>123,270</b>	<b>249,000</b>	<b>173,935</b>	<b>124,000</b>	<b>115,000</b>	<b>(5,000)</b>	<b>-5.1%</b>
<b>SOURCES OF FUNDS</b>								
Taxation	\$	85,000	172,000	150,724	100,000	100,000	0	0.0%
Grants	\$	34,594	73,000	19,378	20,000	15,000	(5,000)	-25.0%
Fee Supported	\$	3,676	4,000	3,833	4,000		(4,000)	-100.0%

**MAJOR COMPONENTS:**

See above.

**SIGNIFICANT BUDGET CHANGES AND UNFUNDED NEEDS:**

Congregate housing grant no longer available. No appropriation was acted on at the 2005 Annual Town Meeting for the Cable Advisory Committee/Amherst Community Television. An appropriation may be proposed later in FY 06.

**GENERAL FUND****OTHER GOVERNMENT ASSESSMENTS**

**MISSION:** To pay for charges assessed by other governmental entities.

**CONTINUING OBJECTIVES:**

To evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness of services provided to the Town by other agencies.

To participate in management of transportation services and retirement benefits through membership on the governing boards of the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority and the Hampshire Regional Retirement Board.

**LONG RANGE OBJECTIVES:****FY 06 OBJECTIVES:****SERVICE LEVELS:**

	<b><u>FY 00</u></b> <b><u>Actual</u></b>	<b><u>FY 01</u></b> <b><u>Actual</u></b>	<b><u>FY 02</u></b> <b><u>Actual</u></b>	<b><u>FY 03</u></b> <b><u>Actual</u></b>	<b><u>FY 04</u></b> <b><u>Actual</u></b>
Number of Programs:					
State	3	3	3	3	3
County	1	0	0	0	0
Pioneer Valley Planning Commission	1	1	1	1	1
Hampshire County Retirement System	1	1	1	1	1
Hampshire Council of Governments	0	1	1	1	0

**GENERAL FUND****OTHER GOVERNMENT ASSESSMENTS**

		FY 03 Actual	FY 04 Budget	FY 04 Actual	FY 05 Budget	FY 06 Budget	Change FY 05 - 06	Percent Change
State Assessments	\$	40,822	56,966	66,482	57,464	63,181	5,717	9.9%
County Assessments	\$		0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Council of Governments	\$	100,958	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
PVPC	\$	5,300	5,231	5,231	5,300	5,300	0	0.0%
PVTA	\$	832,756	820,027	772,290	820,000	681,240	(138,760)	-16.9%
Retirement Assessment	\$	1,948,408	2,080,289	2,080,289	2,192,879	2,492,946	300,067	13.7%
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,928,244</b>	<b>2,962,513</b>	<b>2,924,292</b>	<b>3,075,643</b>	<b>3,242,667</b>	<b>167,024</b>	<b>5.4%</b>
<b>SOURCES OF FUNDS</b>								
Taxation	\$	2,348,176	2,296,117	2,263,423	2,411,812	2,650,391	238,579	9.9%
UMass/Five Colleges	\$	580,068	666,396	660,869	663,831	592,276	(71,555)	-10.8%

**MAJOR COMPONENTS:**

State Assessments include fees payable to the Registry of Motor Vehicles that the Town collected for the Registry and the assessment due as a member of the Air Pollution Control District. Another state assessment, retired teacher's health insurance (\$289,583 in FY 05), is shown in the elementary school budget.

Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC) provides regional planning services in the Pioneer Valley. The amount budgeted is the assessment to the Town for membership.

The Retirement Assessment covers general fund municipal and library employees as well as non-teaching school employees.

**SIGNIFICANT BUDGET CHANGES:**

Hampshire County Retirement Assessment increases by 13.7%, or \$300,067, to total of \$2,492,946 for Town, Library, and non-teaching School employees. In addition, Enterprise Funds share of this assessment is budgeted in their respective budgets. Actuarial updates to the funding schedule represent an increase of 9%. The remainder of the increase, \$234,924, is to begin to fund the liability created by the Early Retirement Incentive program adopted by the Town in 2003. The PVTA assessment estimate represents a 2.5% increase above the actual assessment in FY 05 for FY 04 service. Transportation subsidies for outreach routes will not be funded via the PVTA assessment in FY 06, but by direct appropriation.

**CAPITAL PROGRAM****SUMMARY**

**MISSION:** To manage a program of equipment and facility maintenance and improvement that ensures protection of the Town's capital assets and the continued delivery of quality services.

**CONTINUING OBJECTIVES:**

To provide comprehensive Town – wide capital planning.  
 To develop, manage and modify an ongoing five- year Capital Plan.  
 To maintain adequate maintenance and inventory records to facilitate capital planning.  
 To evaluate and manage an appropriate mix of funding sources for capital projects.  
 To develop and review policies related to funding, replacement, improvement and expansion of capital assets.

**LONG RANGE OBJECTIVES:**

To develop a comprehensive inventory of capital assets.  
 To implement an appropriate software program for management of asset maintenance and inventory control.

**FY 06 OBJECTIVES:**

To review and modify the existing five-year Capital Plan as necessary.  
 To review and evaluate the balance between capital and operating spending needs for FY 06.  
 To work more closely with the Community Preservation Act Committee to coordinate capital recommendations for the Annual Town Meeting.

**SERVICE LEVELS:**

	<b><u>FY 00</u></b> <b><u>Actual</u></b>	<b><u>FY 01</u></b> <b><u>Actual</u></b>	<b><u>FY 02</u></b> <b><u>Actual</u></b>	<b><u>FY 03</u></b> <b><u>Actual</u></b>	<b><u>FY 04</u></b> <b><u>Actual</u></b>
Number of Projects:					
Department Equipment	16	19	13	20	22
Facilities	26	19	21	10	20
Joint Capital Planning Committee Meetings	16	16	15	17	17

**CAPITAL PROGRAM****SUMMARY**

	FY 03 Actual	FY 04 Budget	FY 04 Actual	FY 05 Budget	FY 06 Budget	Change FY 05 - 06	Percent Change
Departmental Equipment	1,103,000	1,150,800	1,150,800	944,400	882,157	(62,243)	-6.6%
Buildings	224,500	219,600	219,600	243,000	786,600	543,600	223.7%
Facilities	362,000	490,000	490,000	1,030,000	1,056,800	26,800	2.6%
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>1,689,500</b>	<b>1,860,400</b>	<b>1,860,400</b>	<b>2,217,400</b>	<b>2,725,557</b>	<b>508,157</b>	<b>22.9%</b>
<b>SOURCES OF FUNDS</b>							
Grants	185,000	573,000	573,000	400,000	575,000	175,000	43.8%
Borrowing Authorization	0	0	0	600,000	0	(600,000)	0.0%
Stabilization Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Available Funds	140,000	165,800	165,800	130,000	947,557	817,557	628.9%
Taxation	1,364,500	1,121,600	1,121,600	1,087,400	1,203,000	115,600	10.6%

**MAJOR COMPONENTS:**

See detail on subsequent pages.

**CAPITAL PROGRAM****DEPARTMENTAL EQUIPMENT**

**MISSION STATEMENT:** To manage an equipment purchase and replacement program that facilitates the safe, timely delivery of Town services.

**CONTINUING OBJECTIVES**

To monitor vehicle maintenance costs and safety records to assist with replacement evaluation.  
 To develop and modify vehicle and equipment replacement schedules so that the continuity of adequate, expected services is assured.  
 To continuously evaluate alternative replacement financing alternatives.  
 To review and evaluate new technologies that support staff providing services through operating budgets.  
 To purchase new, additional equipment when operational efficiencies or safety considerations require such purchases.  
 To continuously refine and improve the capital planning process

**LONG RANGE OBJECTIVES**

To annually evaluate and modify the currently operative five-year plan.  
 To improve recording of maintenance data to facilitate decision making about equipment and vehicle replacements.

**FY 06 OBJECTIVES AND SIGNIFICANT PROGRAM CHANGES:**

To replace existing equipment essential to the delivery of services at current levels.

**SERVICE LEVELS:**

	<b><u>FY 00</u></b> <b><u>Actual</u></b>	<b><u>FY 01</u></b> <b><u>Actual</u></b>	<b><u>FY 02</u></b> <b><u>Actual</u></b>	<b><u>FY 03</u></b> <b><u>Actual</u></b>	<b><u>FY 04</u></b> <b><u>Actual</u></b>
General Government	3	4	2	3	3
Police	4	5	5	7	1
Fire	2	6	2	1	4
Emergency Medical Services	2	3	1	1	2
Communications	0	0	0	0	0
Highways and Streets	2	3	2	5	2
Conservation	0	0	1	2	0
Parks	1	0	0	2	1
Council on Aging	0	0	0	0	1
Schools	3	0	3	6	7
Libraries	2	1	1	3	1



**CAPITAL PROGRAM****DEPARTMENTAL EQUIPMENT**

	FY 03 Actual	FY 04 Budget	FY 04 Actual	FY 05 Budget	FY 06 Budget	Change FY 05 - 06	Percent Change
General Government	96,000	150,500	150,500	131,000	220,000	89,000	67.9%
Public Safety	537,000	519,800	519,800	251,000	215,757	(35,243)	-14.0%
Public Works	200,000	180,000	180,000	209,000	180,000	(29,000)	-13.9%
Planning/Conservation/ Inspections	20,000	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Community Services		5,000	5,000	0	0	0	0.0%
Schools	240,000	286,000	286,000	278,400	241,400	(37,000)	-13.3%
Library	10,000	9,500	9,500	75,000	25,000	(50,000)	-66.7%
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>1,103,000</b>	<b>1,150,800</b>	<b>1,150,800</b>	<b>944,400</b>	<b>882,157</b>	<b>(62,243)</b>	<b>-6.6%</b>
<b>SOURCES OF FUNDS</b>							
Grants	120,000	173,000	173,000	0	125,000	125,000	--
Stabilization	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Other Available Funds	140,000	165,800	165,800	130,000	141,757	11,757	9.0%
Borrowing Authorization	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Taxation	843,000	812,000	812,000	814,400	615,400	(199,000)	-24.4%

**MAJOR COMPONENTS:**

<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	Computers & Office Equipment	200,000
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	Cruisers	120,000
	Microwave System Upgrade/Replace	50,575 *
	Chiefs' Vehicles(4WD)	25,000
	Pumper Rehab	20,000
<b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>	Dump /Sander Truck	180,000
<b>SCHOOLS</b>	Buses	60,000
	Maintenance Equipment	10,000
	Computers & Office Equipment	171,400
<b>LIBRARIES</b>	Computers	20,000
	Copier/Printer/Scanner	5,000

\* Communications Center microwave system upgrade funded with FY 05 Police Department operating budget appropriation. For purposes of this report, it is funded via FY 06 taxation.

**CAPITAL PROGRAM****BUILDINGS**

**MISSION STATEMENT:** To manage an effective building construction, improvement and maintenance program which ensures the safe and efficient delivery of services and protects the investment the Town has made in physical assets.

**CONTINUING OBJECTIVES**

To maintain buildings in a timely manner to ensure the health and safety of building users.

To continuously evaluate adequacy and effectiveness of building systems and to replace and repair those systems when necessary.

To continuously evaluate alternative replacement financing alternatives.

To continuously refine and improve the capital planning process for new construction, building expansions, improvements and repairs.

**LONG RANGE OBJECTIVES**

To annually evaluate and modify the currently operative five-year plan.

To improve recording of maintenance data to facilitate decision making about buildings.

To continue to modify buildings to bring them in compliance with the requirements of the Americans With Disabilities Act.

To continue to evaluate the need for a new Teen Center.

To evaluate the need for and develop a plan for a new fire station in the southern part of the Town.

To refine improvement plans and cost estimates for the Fort River and Wildwood elementary schools.

**FY 06 OBJECTIVES AND SIGNIFICANT PROGRAM CHANGES:**

To continue to invest in an effective building construction, improvement and maintenance program.

**SERVICE LEVELS:**

	<b>FY 00</b>	<b>FY 01</b>	<b>FY 02</b>	<b>FY 03</b>	<b>FY 04</b>
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>
General Government	1	0	3	0	4
Police	2	1	1	1	1
Fire	0	2	2	0	0
Public Works Facilities	1	1	1	0	1
Conservation	0	0	0	0	0
Parks	1	0	0	0	0
Schools	9	1	2	1	3
Libraries	2	1	0	2	2

**CAPITAL PROGRAM****BUILDINGS**

	FY 03 Actual	FY 04 Budget	FY 04 Actual	FY 05 Budget	FY 06 Budget	Change FY 05 - 06	Percent Change
General Government	180,000	68,500	68,500	32,500	75,000	42,500	130.8%
Public Safety	35,000	35,000	35,000	30,000	386,600	356,600	1188.7%
Public Works		5,000	5,000	5,000	30,000	25,000	500.0%
Planning/Conservation/ Inspections	0	0	0	0	155,000	0	0.0%
Community Services	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Schools	0	95,000	95,000	126,000	130,000	4,000	3.2%
Libraries	9,500	16,100	16,100	49,500	10,000	(39,500)	-79.8%
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>224,500</b>	<b>219,600</b>	<b>219,600</b>	<b>243,000</b>	<b>786,600</b>	<b>543,600</b>	<b>223.7%</b>
<b>SOURCES OF FUNDS</b>							
Grants	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Borrowing Authorization	0	0	0	0		0	0.0%
Stabilization	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Taxation	224,500	219,600	219,600	243,000	381,600	138,600	57.0%
Other Available Funds	0	0	0	0	405,000	405,000	--

**MAJOR COMPONENTS:**

<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	Bangs Community Center Partial Roof Replacement	25,000
	Master Development Plan	50,000
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	HVAC at Police Facility	172,000
	Fire Station Design	200,000
	Generators and Station Upgrades	14,600
<b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>	Building improvements	5,000
	Public Works Security System	25,000
<b>PLANNING</b>	Affordable Housing	155,000
<b>SCHOOLS</b>	Asbestos removal	10,000
	East Street School Handicapped Access	20,000
	Crocker Farm School Energy Management System	10,000
	Fort River Renovations	10,000
	Marks Meadow School Portable Classrooms	80,000
<b>LIBRARIES</b>	Jones Library HVAC Improvements	10,000

**CAPITAL PROGRAM****FACILITIES**

**MISSION STATEMENT:** To manage an effective facility construction, improvement and maintenance program which ensures the safe and efficient delivery of services.

**CONTINUING OBJECTIVES:**

To continuously evaluate the need for new or expanded facilities to meet community needs.  
 To continue to manage the road and intersection improvement program using state and federal resources whenever possible.  
 To make necessary repairs and improvements to parks and recreation facilities.

**LONG RANGE OBJECTIVES:**

To continue to modify facilities to bring them in compliance with the requirements of the Americans With Disabilities Act.  
 To continue the APR / Open Space Acquisition program.  
 To develop a sidewalk expansion program.

**FY 06 OBJECTIVES:**

To continue to work with the Community Preservation Act Committee to develop a long-range program for allocation of Community Preservation Act funds.  
 To continue a roadway maintenance and improvement program.

**SERVICE LEVELS:**

	<b><u>FY 00</u></b> <b><u>Actual</u></b>	<b><u>FY 01</u></b> <b><u>Actual</u></b>	<b><u>FY 02</u></b> <b><u>Actual</u></b>	<b><u>FY 03</u></b> <b><u>Actual</u></b>	<b><u>FY 04</u></b> <b><u>Actual</u></b>
Primary Road Resurfacing (miles)	0	.5	0	5.6	7.9
Other road, intersection projects	3	1	1	0	1
Curbing Replacement (linear feet)	0	0	200	0	1,892
Sidewalk Maintenance (linear feet)	5,110	4,165	2,000	0	N/A
Conservation Area Improvements (# of projects)	0	1	1	1	N/A
Parks, Commons and Recreation Area Renovations (# of sites)	2	2	1	3	0
Farm Land Development Rights (# of acres)	0	0	0	0	N/A
Land acquisition (# of acres)		75.15	0	0	N/A
Cemetery improvement projects	1	0	0	0	N/A

**CAPITAL PROGRAM****FACILITIES**

	FY 03 Actual	FY 04 Budget	FY 04 Actual	FY 05 Budget	FY 06 Budget	Change FY 05 - 06	Percent Change
General Government	50,000	0	0	0	137,000	137,000	0.0%
Public Safety	0	0	0	0		0	0.0%
Public Works	65,000	465,000	465,000	410,000	600,000	190,000	46.3%
Planning/Conservation/ Inspections	22,000	25,000	25,000	620,000	208,300	(411,700)	-66.4%
Community Services	125,000	0	0	0	111,500	111,500	0.0%
Schools	100,000	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Libraries		0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>362,000</b>	<b>490,000</b>	<b>490,000</b>	<b>1,030,000</b>	<b>1,056,800</b>	<b>26,800</b>	<b>2.6%</b>
<b>SOURCES OF FUNDS</b>							
Grants	65,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	450,000	50,000	12.5%
Borrowing Authorization	0	0	0	600,000	0	(600,000)	-100.0%
Stabilization	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Taxation	297,000	90,000	90,000	30,000	206,000	176,000	586.7%
Other Available Funds	0	0	0	0	400,800	0	0.0%

**MAJOR COMPONENTS:**

<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>		Commercial Appraisals	50,000
		Personal Property Appraisals	82,000
		Village Commons	5,000
<b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>		Road Resurfacing	450,000
		Cemetery Improvements	150,000
<b>PLANNING</b>		Historic Landscape Survey	15,000
		Other Historic Preservation Projects	27,500
		Master Plan	65,000
<b>CONSERVATION</b>		APR	100,800
<b>RECREATION</b>		Groff Park and War Memorial Pool Playground	
		Equipment	4,000
		Plum Brook Recreation Areaa	57,500
		Plum Brook Field Development	50,000

**CAPITAL PROGRAM****COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PROGRAM**

**MISSION STATEMENT:** To manage the Community Preservation Program in accordance with the guidelines established by Community Preservation Act legislation.

**CONTINUING OBJECTIVES:**

To ensure that Community Preservation funds are allocated to Open Space, Historic Preservation, Affordable Housing and Recreation in accordance with guidelines contained in the Act.

To continuously evaluate requests for funding for projects and activities that fulfill Act requirements.

To work with the Joint Capital Planning Committee to coordinate Community Preservation Act spending with the Town's five-year Capital Plan.

To develop and modify policies and long-range plans for use of Community Preservation Act funding.

**LONG RANGE OBJECTIVES:**

To develop a long term spending plan for use of Community Preservation Act funds.

To improve and institutionalize the evaluation process.

**FY 06 OBJECTIVES:**

To allocate at least 10% of available funding to open space, historic preservation and affordable housing.

To review and evaluate requests for funding.

**SERVICE LEVELS:**

	<b><u>FY 00</u></b> <b><u>Actual</u></b>	<b><u>FY 01</u></b> <b><u>Actual</u></b>	<b><u>FY 02</u></b> <b><u>Actual</u></b>	<b><u>FY 03</u></b> <b><u>Actual</u></b>	<b><u>FY 04</u></b> <b><u>Actual</u></b>
Open Space Projects					
Agricultural Restrictions				1	1
Open Space Acquisitions				1	0
Affordable Housing				2	1
Historic Preservation				1	2
Recreation				1	1

**CAPITAL PROGRAM****COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PROGRAM**

		FY 03 Actual	FY 04 Budget	FY 04 Actual	FY 05 Budget	FY 06 Budget	Change FY 05 - 06	Percent Change
Open Space	\$		93,000	93,000	234,000	100,800	(133,200)	-56.9%
Historic Preservation	\$		37,577	37,577	41,488	242,500	201,012	484.5%
Affordable Housing	\$		130,000	130,000	183,550	155,000	(28,550)	-15.6%
Recreation	\$		500,000	0	15,000	96,332	81,332	542.2%
Administration	\$		0	0	2,000	0	(2,000)	-100.0%
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$</b>		<b>760,577</b>	<b>260,577</b>	<b>476,038</b>	<b>594,632</b>	<b>118,594</b>	<b>24.9%</b>
<b>SOURCES OF FUNDS</b>								
CPA Tax Surcharge	\$		155,000	154,693	188,909	188,909	0	0.0%
State Trust Fund	\$		144,081	144,081	154,264	154,264	0	0.0%
Borrowing	\$		500,000	0	0	0	0	0.0%

**MAJOR COMPONENTS:**

<b>OPEN SPACE</b>	North Amherst Community Farm	100,800
<b>HISTORIC PRESERVATION</b>	West Cemetery Restoration	150,000
	Archival Materials Restoration & Conservation	20,000
	Town Hall Masonry Restoration Design	50,000
	Dickinson Museum Landscape Design	15,000
	Interpretive Publications	7,500
<b>AFFORDABLE HOUSING</b>	AHA Main Street Housing Project	155,000
<b>RECREATION</b>	Plum Brook Athletic Fields	50,000
	Plum Brook Athletic Fields – Debt Service	46,332

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:**

In 2002, Amherst voters accepted the provisions of Chapter 44B of Massachusetts General Laws, the Community Preservation Act. This legislation allows for the assessment of a surcharge on property taxes, the revenue from which can only be used for conservation, affordable housing, historical preservation and recreation. While the legislation allows a surcharge of up to 3%, voters in Amherst approved a 1% surcharge. By accepting the Act, the Town is eligible, each year, for matching funds of up to 100% from a state trust fund established for the purposes specified in the Act.

One of the requirements of the Act is that at least 10% of each year's funding from all sources (surcharge, state match and interest earned on investments) must be spent or set aside for conservation, affordable housing and historic preservation. There is not a 10% requirement for recreation. If those funds are not spent in a year they are transferred to a Designated Fund Balance for that purpose.